SO THAT'S YOUR SETTLEMENT ?

MISS CIBO, WE'LL KEEP TALKIN' WHEN WE'RE SETTLED IN. RIGHT NOW LET'S JUST GET THROUGH THIS TUBE. WE'RE AN EASY TARGET FOR SAFEGUARDS OUT HERE.

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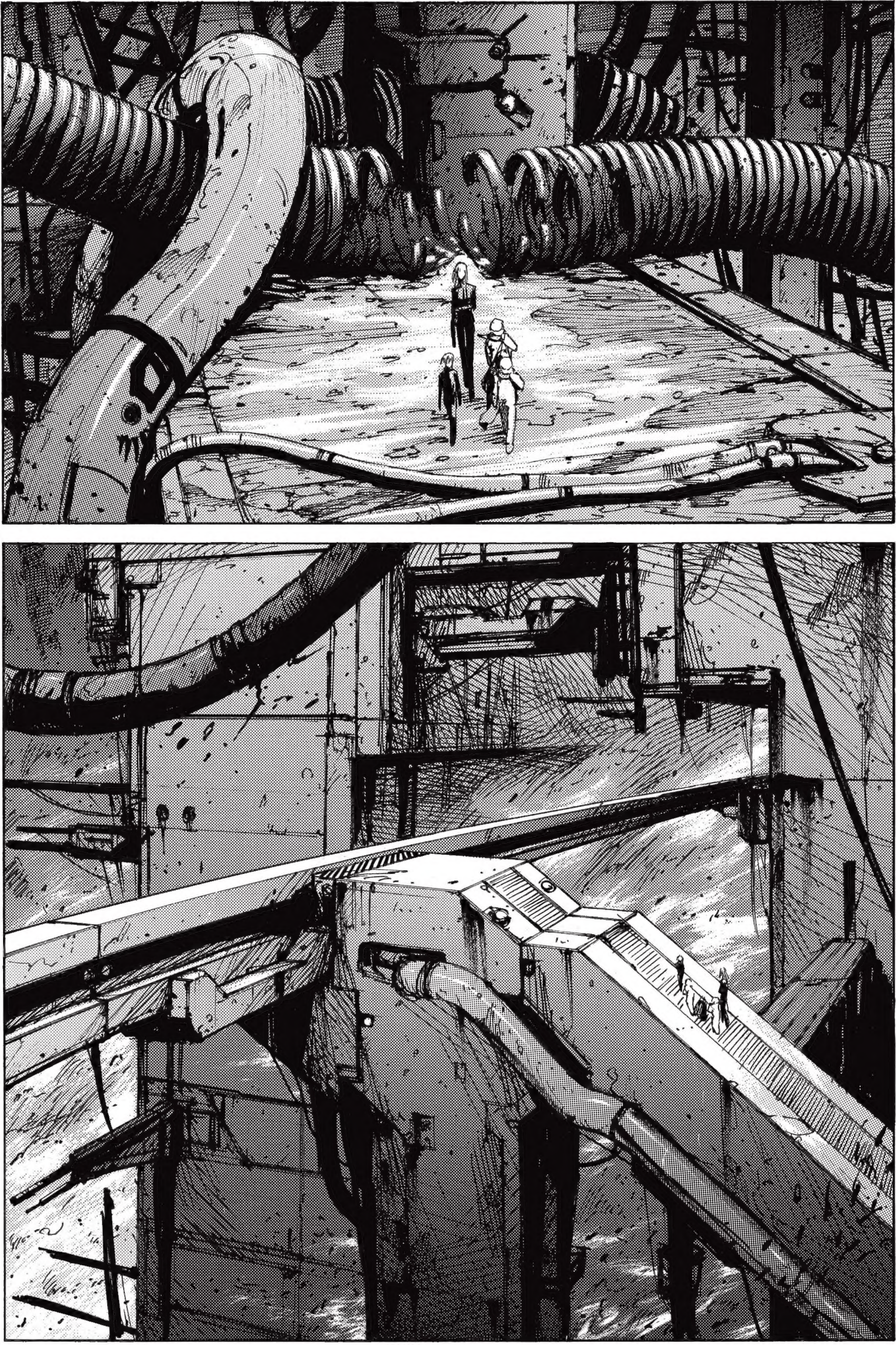
PLANTERS



HEY! DON'T GO *THAT* WAY!!

PAST HERE WE'LL TAKE THE RAILCAR.

SANAKAN.

WHAT WAS YOUR NAME AGAIN?

IT'S NOT SAFE. YOU GOTTA STAY INSIDE THE LINES.

VAA

SHOOM

PSSHT

VWOOSH

TRY TO GET ON ALL AT THE SAME TIME. WE NEVER KNOW WHEN THE DOOR IS GONNA CLOSE.

GOOD. LOOKS LIKE THEY DIDN'T FOLLOW US AFTER ALL.

WHEW! NOW THAT WE'RE ON BOARD, WE CAN TAKE A BREATHER.

THANK YOU. KYRII LOOKS OKAY FOR NOW.

YOUR GUN. IT PIERCED THE EXTERMINATORS' EXOSKELETONS. DO ALL OF YOU HAVE THESE?

WHAT IS IT ?

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THE PEOPLE WHO CAN MAKE THE GUNS AND AMMO ARE ALL GONE.

PRETTY COOL, HUH? BUT WE DON'T HAVE MANY LEFT THAT WORK.

YEAH! WE'RE GLAD YOU GUYS ARE ALL RIGHT.

YOU SPENT SUCH PRECIOUS THINGS ...

NO, NO, IT'S OKAY, IT'S OKAY!

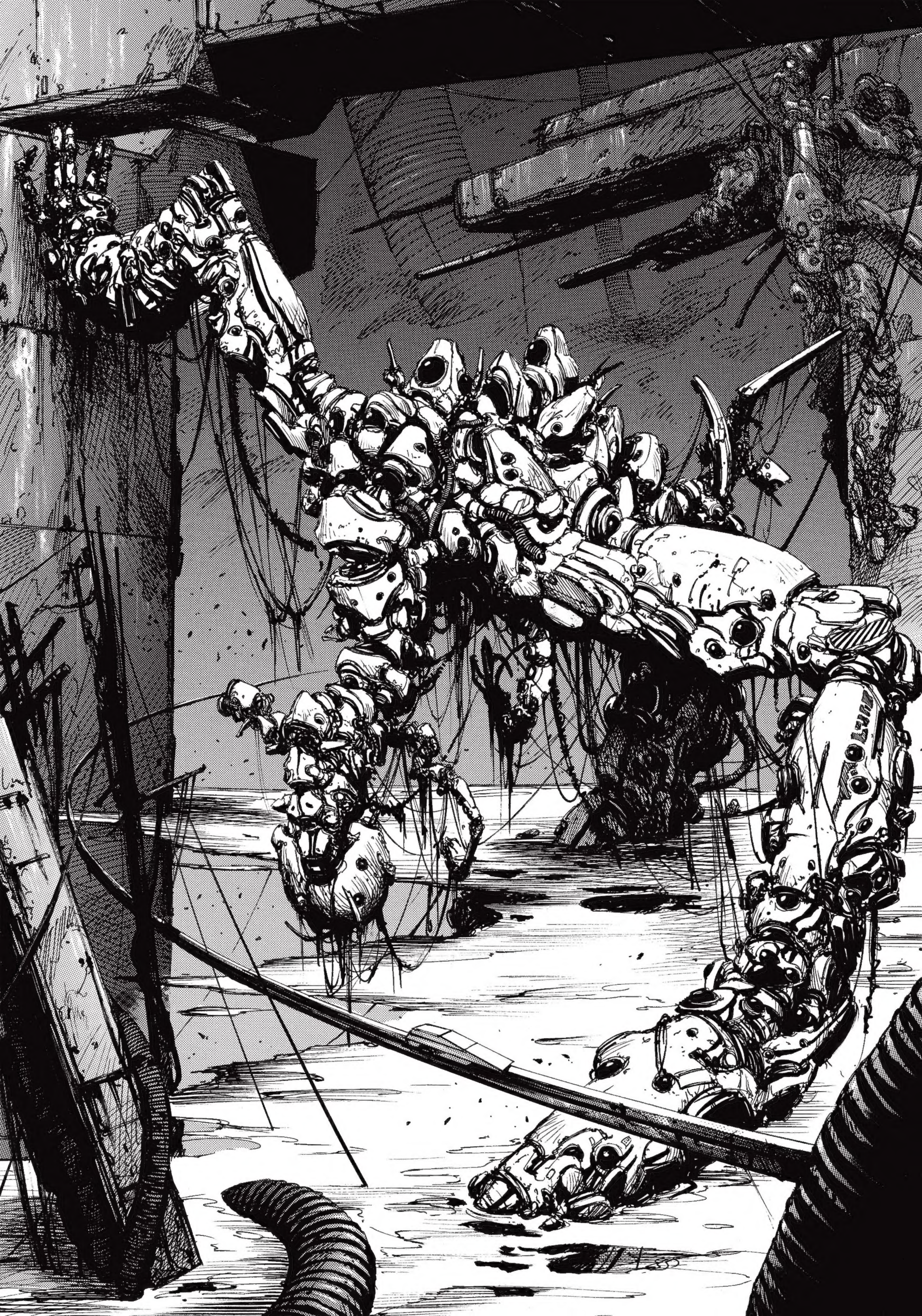
I'D NEVER SEEN SO MANY SAFEGUARDS BEFORE.

HUH... SO IT'S THAT BAD OVER THERE.

SHIT ...

WELL, OF COURSE THEY WOULDN'T JUST LET US BE.

AND THEY HADN'T BEEN ACTIVE AROUND HERE FOR A WHILE.



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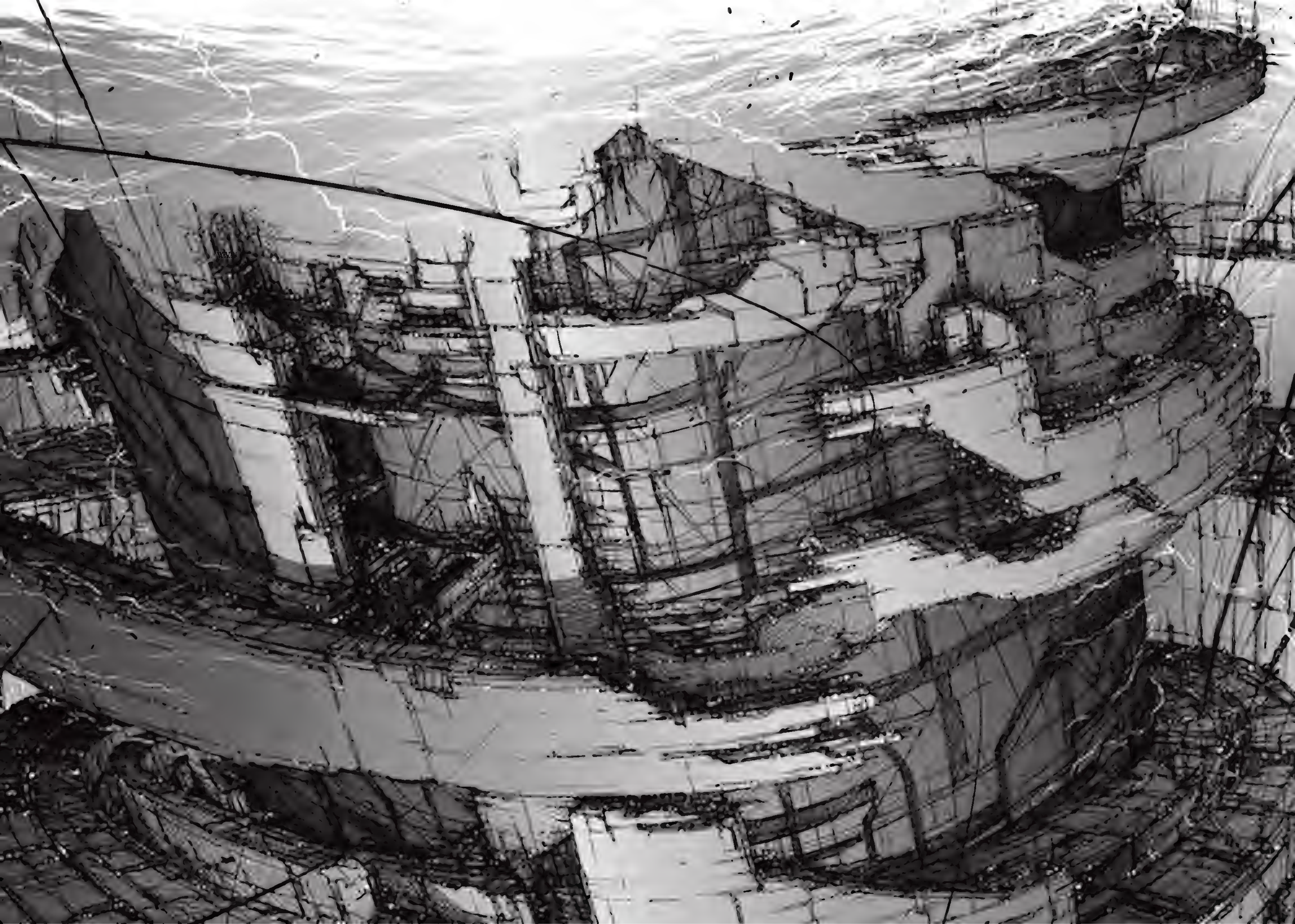
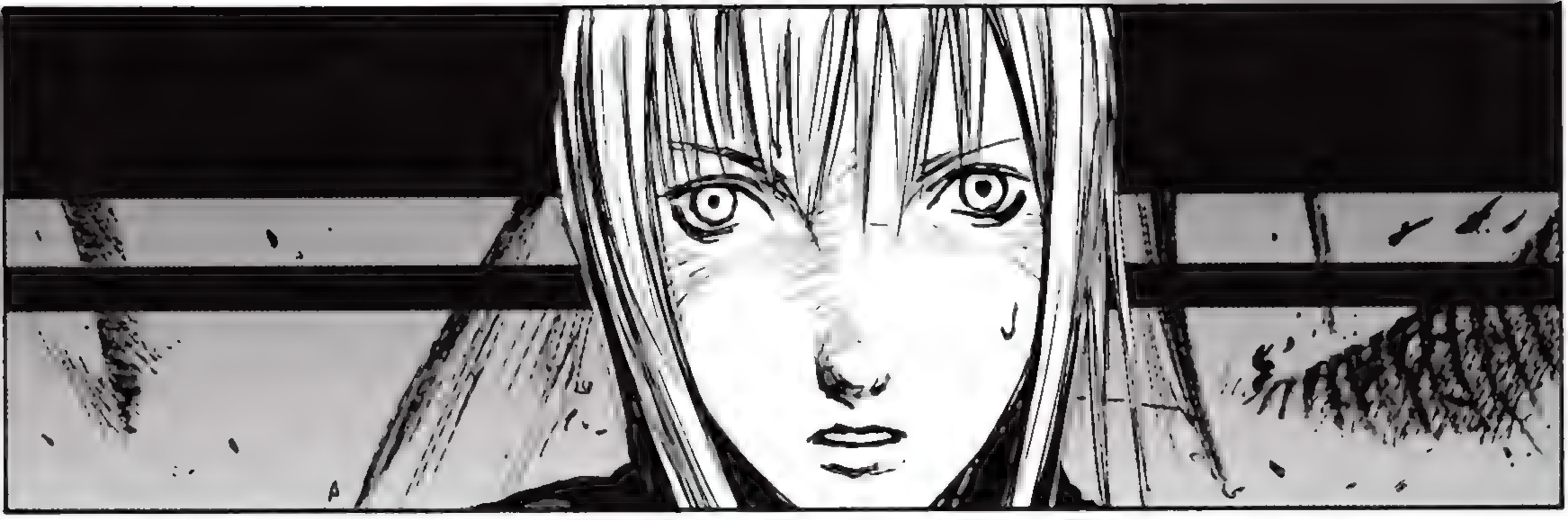
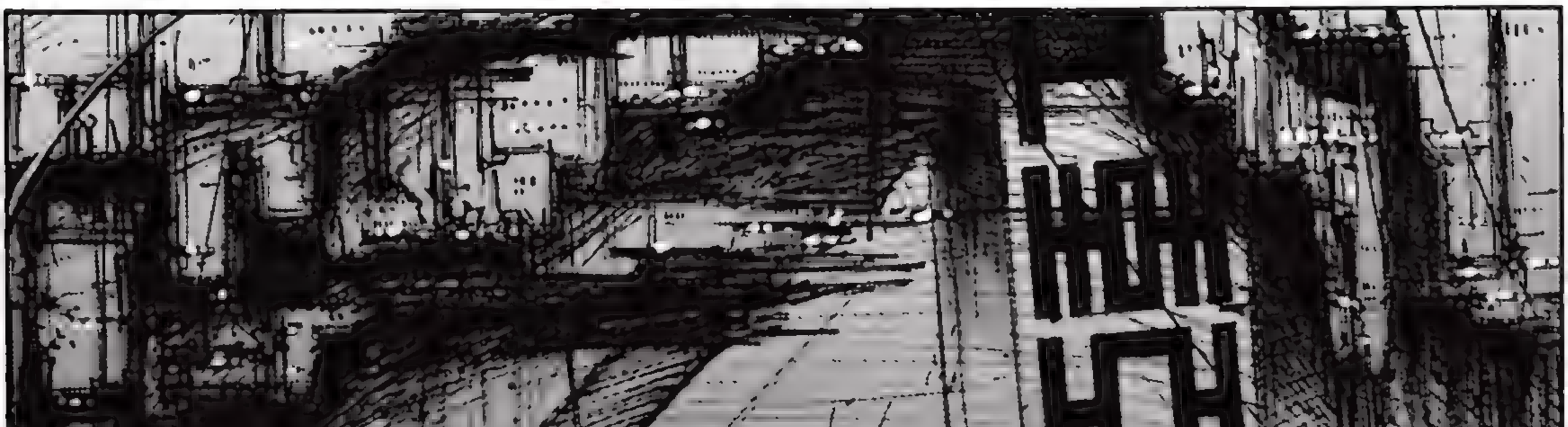
BUT, Y'KNOW, THEY WON'T DO ANYTHING TO PEOPLE, NOT DIRECTLY.

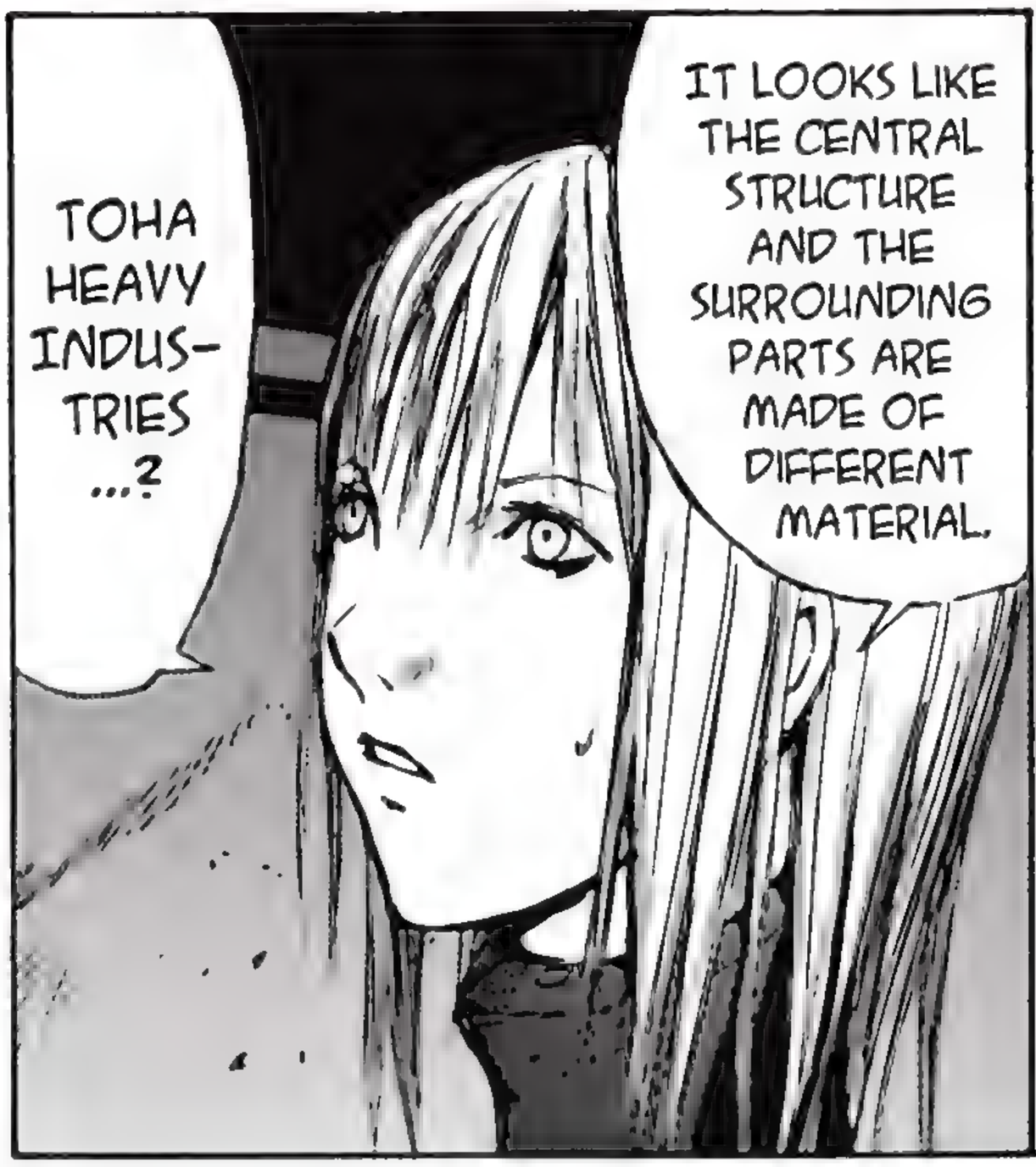
THERE'S A LOT OF 'EM AROUND HERE.







HOW'D YOU KNOW THAT, MISS CIBO?
RIGHT. THAT'S WHAT WE CALL IT.


TOHA HEAVY INDUS-TRIES ...?
IT LOOKS LIKE THE CENTRAL STRUCTURE AND THE SURROUNDING PARTS ARE MADE OF DIFFERENT MATERIAL.

NOT JUST MARKINGS. LETTERS.

THOSE MARKINGS?

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IT'S WRITTEN THERE, ON THE SIDE.

THOSE ARE *LETTERS*!!

YEAH! I KNEW IT!!

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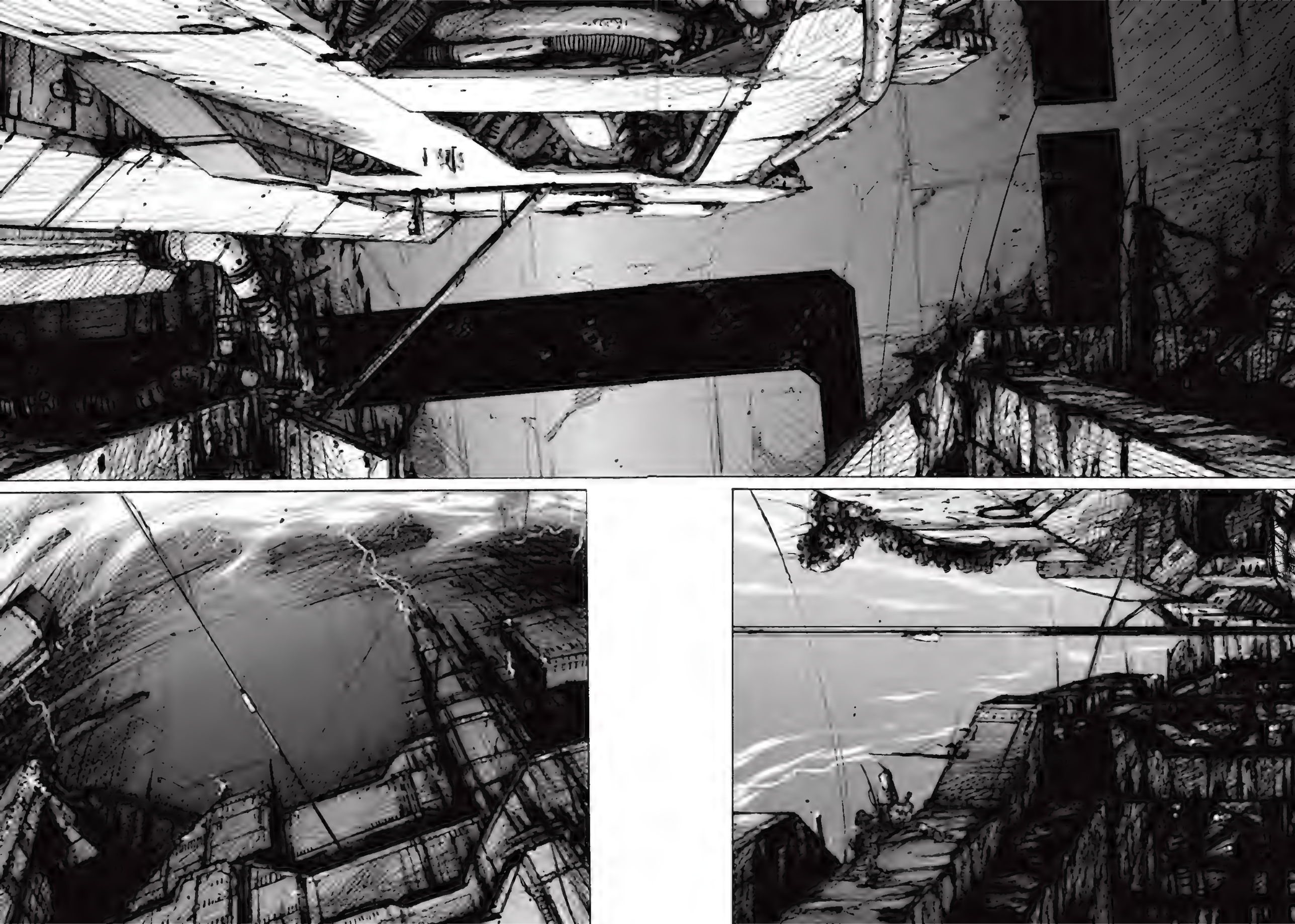
'CAUSE SHE'S A SCIENTIST.

WOW! SO YOU GUYS CAN READ THAT, HUH?!



OUR ANCESTORS WERE CALLED PLANTERS. A LONG, LONG TIME AGO, THEY LIVED INSIDE TOHA HEAVY INDUSTRIES.

NOBODY REMEMBERS WHAT THEY DID.

PLANTERS? DID THEY PLANT THINGS?

SOME NUMBER OF GENERATIONS BEFORE US, THEY CAME BACK OUT HERE, THOUGH.

SO THEY STARTED LIVING IN THESE LAYERED RESIDENTIAL SECTORS ALL AROUND IT.

AND THEN, NO MATTER WHAT THEY DID, THEY COULDN'T GET INSIDE AGAIN.

KLANK

GWRR

WHY AREN'T WE TAKING THE STAIRS?

THERE'S HARDLY ANY STAIRS WHERE YOU NEED 'EM.

HEY, SOMEBODY GIMME A HAND HERE!

POPS AND SUTE ARE BACK!!

THERE WERE SAFE-GUARDS ATTACK-ING 'EM!

WHAT HAPPENED? WHO'RE THEY?!

WHAAAAT?!

SUCH A TALL YOUNG LADY...

THAT MUST'VE BEEN TOUGH! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

NO, HE ISN'T.

SUTEZOU, IS THIS MAN DEAD?

SUTE!

ZURU! WILL YOU TAKE A LOOK AT HIM?

IT'S NOT MINE, IT'S FROM THE SAFEGUARDS! I'M FINE!

WHAT'S ALL THIS BLOOD?

HISSS

MISS CIBO, COULD WE TALK TO YOU FOR A MINUTE?

KREAK

LEAVE THE REST TO ZURU.

SORRY TO BOTHER YOU AT A TIME LIKE THIS, BUT THERE'S SOMETHING WE REALLY WANT YOU TO SEE.

IS THERE ANYONE HERE WHO HAS THE NET TERMINAL GENE?

CAN I ASK YOU A QUESTION?

IT'S BEEN AGES SINCE HUMANS HAD THAT KINDA THING.

'COURSE NOT.

RIGHT...

BUT WE DON'T KNOW HOW TO OPEN IT.

WE THINK IT MIGHT BE THE WAY INTO TOHA HEAVY INDUSTRIES,

WE HAVEN'T TOUCHED IT IN DECADES.

WHAT IS IT ...?

THERE ARE LETTERS ON IT. CAN YOU MAKE IT OUT?

"BREAK THE CENTRAL PROTECTIVE COVER AND PULL OUT THE CONTROL ROD..."

"IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, THE SHAFT CAN BE MANUALLY OPERATED.

SMASH

THERE IT IS.

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